

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 660

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Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Management Measures for Nontrawl Sablefish; Correction

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Correcting amendments.

SUMMARY: This document corrects the Pacific coast groundfish regulations at 50 CFR part 660, subpart G. The effect of this correction is to remove redundant language that "Gear endorsements may not be transferred separately from the limited entry permit." in § 660.333(f)(3), because it is included in § 660.333(f)(2) as follows: "Gear endorsements, sablefish endorsements, and sablefish tier assignments may not be transferred separately from the limited entry permit."

DATES: Effective July 29, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yvonne de Reynier, NMFS, 206-526-6120.

Need for Correction

As published, the final rule document 98-18751 on page 38114, in the Federal Register issue of Wednesday, July 15, 1998, implementing management measures for nontrawl sablefish contained an incorrect amendatory instruction 3. for § 660.333(f)(2).

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 660

Administrative practice and procedure, American Samoa, Fisheries, Fishing, Guam, Hawaiian Natives, Indians, Northern Mariana Islands, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: July 23, 1999.

Andrew A. Rosenberg, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Accordingly, 50 CFR 660.333(f) is corrected by making the following correcting amendments:

PART 660—FISHERIES OFF WEST COAST STATES AND IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC

1. The authority citation for part 660 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

2. In § 660.333, paragraph (f)(3) is removed, and paragraph (f)(4) is redesignated as paragraph (f)(3).

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50 CFR Part 660

[Docket No. 971208294-8154-02; I.D. 103097B]

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Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Correction

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Correcting amendments.

SUMMARY: This document corrects the Pacific Coast groundfish regulations at 50 CFR part 660, subpart G. The effect of this correction is to reinstate the following sentence to introductory paragraph (d) in § 660.333: "A permit holder applying to register a limited entry permit has the burden to submit evidence to prove that registration requirements are met."

DATES: Effective July 29, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yvonne de Reynier, NMFS, 206-526-6120.

Need for Correction

In correction document 98-20011, on page 40067, in the Federal Register issue of Monday, July 27, 1998,

contained an incorrect amendatory instruction 3. for § 660.333(d), which improperly removed a sentence reading, "A permit holder applying to register a limited entry permit has the burden to submit evidence to prove that registration requirements are met."

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 660

Administrative practice and procedure, American Samoa, Fisheries, Fishing, Guam, Hawaiian Natives, Indians, Northern Mariana Islands, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: July 23, 1999.

Andrew A. Rosenberg, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Accordingly, 50 CFR part 660 is corrected by making the following correcting amendments:

PART 660—FISHERIES OFF WEST COAST STATES AND IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC

1. The authority citation for part 660 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.

2. In § 660.333, paragraph (d) introductory text is revised to read as follows:

§ 660.333 Limited entry fishery-general. * * * * *

(d) Evidence and burden of proof. A vessel owner (or persons holding limited entry rights under the express terms of a written contract) applying for issuance, renewal, transfer, or registration of a limited entry permit has the burden to provide evidence that qualification requirements are met. The owner of a permit endorsed for longline or trap (or pot) gear applying for a sablefish endorsement or a tier assignment under § 660.336, paragraph (c) or (d) has the burden to submit evidence to prove that qualification requirements are met. A permit holder applying to register a limited entry permit has the burden to submit evidence to prove that registration requirements are met. The following evidentiary standards apply:

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